



**Past Honorees Include:**

Aaron Spelling  
ABC  
Anthony Edwards  
BusinessWeek  
Blind Boys of Alabama  
Carrie Fisher  
CBS  
Children's Network  
Disney Channel  
ER  
Fern Field  
Garry Marshall  
Jane Pauley  
HBO  
IBM Corporation  
Melissa Gilbert  
NBC  
Nordstrom  
Paramount Studios  
Patty Duke  
Bobby and Peter Farrelly  
Ray Charles  
Ricardo Montalban  
Robert David Hall  
Target  
Touched by an Angel  
Volkswagen  
20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox  
20/20

**Past Productions Awarded Include:**

Bear in the Big Blue House  
Big Brother #1  
CSI: Crime Scene Investigation  
DAREDEVIL  
That '70s Show  
Fitting In: Americans "with  
Disability Act (print)  
Fox Broadcasting Company  
Going to the Mat  
Good Morning America: LA  
Dodgers Fan  
Jeopardy  
Judging Amy  
Law and Order: Special Victims  
Unit  
Me, Myself & Irene  
Murderball  
Ray  
Rugrats  
Stanley  
The Station Agent  
The New Workforce (print)



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Dear Nominator:

For 23 years, the Media Access Awards (MAA) have honored the entertainment and media industry for hiring and accurately portraying people with disabilities. Presented by the California Governor's Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities (Governor's Committee) and California Employment Development Department (EDD), the MAAs recognize those who utilize the power of their medium to accelerate public awareness and acceptance. Through these efforts, the entertainment and media industry enhance employment opportunities for all people with disabilities.

Past honorees and winning productions, performances, and printed materials have been recognized for employing people with disabilities in the entertainment industry, casting of people with disabilities in nontraditional roles, accurately depicting people with disabilities as part of the diverse American landscape, and increasing accessibility through innovative and creative productions. The Academy Awards style event, scheduled for October 2006, helps to broaden the education of the general public and to encourage the adoption of best practices in the entertainment industry regarding the importance of creating a community that understands and values the experience of disability.

The Governor's Committee and EDD encourage you to nominate those media productions, performances, and printed materials that best capture the spirit of the MAAs. For your convenience, we have attached a nomination packet that includes a nomination form for submissions. Please complete the nomination form according to the attached instructions to ensure that the productions, performances, and print materials you submit are accurately judged. Thank you for taking the time to nominate. If you have any questions please call Robert W. Stroud of EDD at (916) 654-7153.

Sincerely,

RANDY LOWE  
Chair  
California Governor's Committee  
on Employment of People  
with Disabilities

Enclosures

Sincerely,

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